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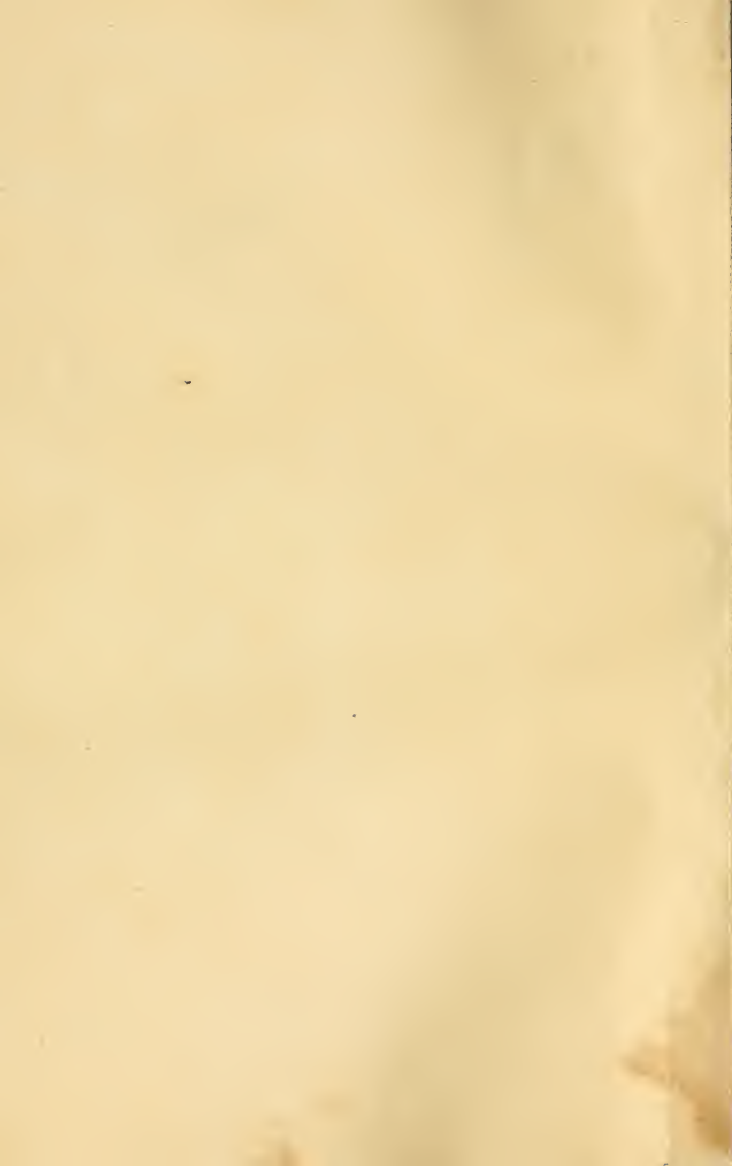
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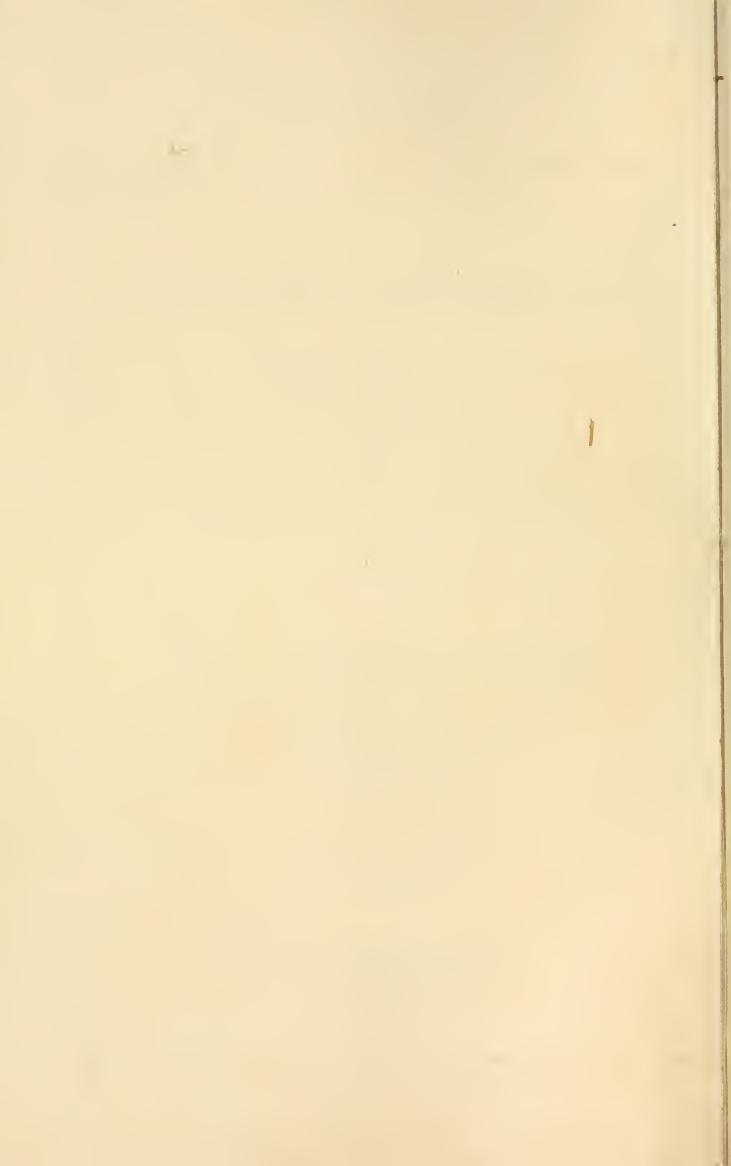
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## PLYMOUTH CHURCH PROPERTY.

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THE building now occupied by the society of "The Plymouth Church," Cranberry street, Brooklyn, was erected in 1823 by "The First Presbyterian Church" (now located in Henry street.) The ground was purchased of John and Jacob M. Hicks, and was then an open field, very few houses having been erected in the vicinity. In the year 1831 a Lecture Room with a Sabbath School Room and Pastor's Study was erected, situated on Orange street, directly in the rear and connected with the church. The Church and Lecture Room now occupy between seven and eight lots of ground, pleasantly located in the most densely populated part of the city, and directly on Brooklyn Heights.

The above property, including the bell, clock and all the fixtures and furniture on the premises, were purchased of "The First Presbyterian Church" in the month of June, 1846, by John T. Howard, Henry C. Bowen and Seth B. Hunt, of "The Church of the Pilgrims," Brooklyn, and David Hale, of "The Tabernacle Church," New-York, for the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars. Mr. Howard conducted the negotiations, and the other named individuals furnished the money. On the first day of June, 1848, the property was conveyed by deed to "The Plymouth Church," who paid for the same the original cost, together with the interest.

## **INCORPORATION OF THE SOCIETY.**

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A meeting was held in accordance with the laws of the State, on Monday evening the fourteenth day of June 1847, in the present lecture room of the Church, for the purpose of organizing a Religious Society. Jira Payne was appointed Chairman, and J. Wilson Green, Secretary, both of whom were appointed Inspectors of Election for Trustees.

Henry C. Bowen, John T. Howard, and Daniel Burgess were elected Trustees, who subsequently were divided by lot to serve, each in the order as they stand, for the term of one, two and three years.

**"THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH"**

was adopted upon deliberation, as the corporate name of the Society.

The certificate of incorporation was recorded in the Clerks Office of Kings County on the twenty-seventh day of September 1847.



# HISTORY

OF THE

## CHURCH, ORGANIZATION, &C.

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The first meeting of those interested in the establishment of a new Congregational Church in Brooklyn, (now called "The Plymouth Church") was held at the house of Henry C. Bowen, on Saturday evening May 9th, 1847. Present David Hale, of New York Jira Payne, John T. Howard, Charles Rowland, David Griffin and Henry C. Bowen, of Brooklyn.

The meeting was opened by prayer, after which David Hale made some statements in relation to the property now held by "The Plymouth Church" and then in behalf of himself and the other owners, offered the use of said property for purposes of religious worship, as soon as the premises should be vacated by "The First Presbyterian Church. Whereupon it was

Resolved, "That religious services shall be commenced by Divine permission on Sunday the sixteenth day of May,"—that being the first Sabbath after the house was vacated.

On Sunday morning, May 16th 1847, notice having been given in the newspapers, the Meeting House in Cranberry street, was opened for religious worship.

Henry Ward Beecher being providentially in the city, was invited to preach the first sermon. At the close of the services, public notice was given that a weekly prayer meeting would be established, commencing the next Friday evening, in the lecture room. At the appointed time about thirty persons were present to unite in prayer for the *Divine* blessing on the new enterprise, most of whom expressed a desire to connect themselves with the Church when organized. Jira Payne conducted the exercises. At the close of the prayer meeting, on motion of David Hale from New York, John T. Howard, Henry C. Bowen, Richard Hale, Charles Rowland, and Jira Payne, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the formation of a church; to prepare and report articles of faith and covenant, form of admission, ecclesiastical principles and rules, manual for business, &c. Also, to give notice the following Sabbath to all persons who desired to be connected with the church at its organization, to be present at the next Friday evening prayer meeting. At the *two* subsequent prayer meetings twenty-one persons handed in their names to be organized into a church. On Friday evening, June eleventh, the committee appointed to prepare articles of faith, &c, made their report, which after some amendments was adopted, and notice was given that the church would be organized the following Sabbath evening.

A council of Ministers and Delegates from other churches convened at the house of John T. Howard on Saturday evening, the twelfth day of June, by invitation of the committee, who presented to said Council the Articles of Faith and Covenant adopted, also the credentials of those persons who expected to be organized unto a church.

Said Council were as follows:

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*From the Church of the Pilgrims.*

Rev. Richard S. Storrs, Jr. Pastor.

Brother Chandler Starr, Delegate.

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*From the Second Congregational Church.*

Rev. J. N. Sprague, Pastor.

Brother A. B. Davenport, Delegate.

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*From the Broadway Tabernacle Church, New-York.*

Rev. J. P. Thompson, Pastor.

Brother David Hale, Delegate.

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*From the Chrystie st. Congregational Church, New-York.*

Rev. D. C. Lansing, D. D., Pastor.

Brother Seymour Whiting, Delegate.

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The Council voted to approve what had been done, and accepted the invitation of the Committee to participate in the public services of the organization, the following evening.

On Sunday evening, the thirteenth day of June, the Church was organized. A Sermon was preached on the occasion by Richard S. Storrs, Jr., Pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims. Other clergymen, members of the council took part in the services.

On Monday evening, June fourteenth, the church by a *unanimous* vote, elected HENRY WARD BEECHER to be their Pastor, and a committee was appointed to act with the society in presenting the call.

During the summer the church was opened for religious worship three times each Sabbath. Various clergymen, mostly from New-England, were invited to supply the pulpit. On the fifth day of September, a Sabbath School was organized, consisting of ten teachers and twenty-eight scholars. Henry C. Bowen was elected Superintendent, and John T. Howard, Secretary. The school rapidly increased in numbers, and now has on its register more than one hundred and sixty teachers and scholars, eight or ten of whom have been hopefully converted.

After some two months delay, the call presented to Henry Ward Beecher, was accepted. On Sunday the tenth day of October he commenced his labors, and on Thursday the eleventh day of November, he was publicly installed as Pastor of the church and congregation.

The following is a copy of the minutes of the council:  
“At an ecclesiastical council convened by letters from

the Plymouth Church in Brooklyn in the State of New-York, at their lecture-room, on the eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord 1847, for the purpose of installing (if the way should be found clear) the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher as their Pastor, there were present—

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*From the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn.*

Rev. Richard S. Storrs, Jr., Pastor.

Brother Seth B. Hunt, Delegate.

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*Second Congregational Church, Brooklyn.*

Rev. J. N. Sprague, Pastor.

Brother Edward Corning, Delegate.

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*Second Congregational Church, New-York.*

Rev. D. C. Lansing, D. D., Pastor.

Brother Abraham C. Van Epps, Delegate.

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*Church of the Puritans, New-York.*

Rev Geo. B. Cheever, Pastor.

Brother Oliver E. Wood, Delegate.

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*Fourth Congregational Church, New-York.*

Rev. William W. Wallace, Pastor.

Brother Joseph D. Kellogg, Delegate.

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*Broadway Tabernacle Church, New-York.*

Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, Pastor.

Brother David Hale, Delgate.

*Sullivan street Church, New-York.*

Rev. S. Bristol, Pastor.

Brother A. S. Ball, Delegate.

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*Second Congregational Church in Bridgeport, Conn.*

Rev. Nathaniel Hewit, D. D., Pastor.

Brother James Ruthven, Delegate.

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*Salem Church, Boston, Mass.*

Rev. Edward Beecher, D. D., Pastor.

Brother Ebenezer Wellman, Delegate.

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*North Church, Hartford, Conn.*

Rev. Horace Bushnell, D. D., Pastor.

Brother Thomas Day, Delegate.

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*North Church, New Haven, Conn.*

Rev. S. W. S. Dutton, Pastor.

Brother James Brewster, Delegate.

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Also, Rev. Heman Humphrey, D. D., of Pittsfield  
Mass.

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Rev. Dr. Hewitt was chosen moderator and Rev.  
Mr. Dutton was chosen scribe,

Rev. John Marsh, Rev. J. M. Rowland, Rev. O. W.  
Bidwell, Rev. Lebbeus Armstrong being present,  
were invited to set with the council as corresponding  
members.

The council being thus organized, sought the Divine blessing by prayer, being led therein by the moderator.

The invitation addressed by the Church and Society to Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, to become their Pastor,—Mr. Beecher's acceptance of the same, and also, the resolutions of the society pertaining to his pecuniary support while in the pastoral office over them, being presented to the council, were pronounced by vote satisfactory, and ordered to be placed on record.

After an extended and thorough examination of the Pastor elect, respecting his views of the doctrine of natural and revealed religion, his experience of renewing and sanctifying grace, and his object in entering on the work of the Christian Ministry, the council unanimously pronounced the examination sustained, and voted to proceed to Installation, assigning the services thereof as follows :

*Invocation and reading of the Scriptures*—by Rev. Dr. Humphrey.

*Sermon*—by Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher.

*Installing Prayer*—by Rev. Dr. Hewit.

*Charge to the Pastor*—by Rev. Dr. Lansing.

*The Fellowship of the Churches*—by Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr.

Address to the People—by the Rev. J. P. Thompson.

Concluding Prayer—by Rev. Dr. Bushnell.

These services were duly performed.

(Signed.) Nathaniel Hewit, Moderator.

(Signed.) S. W. S. Dutton, Scribe.

A very interesting revival soon commenced and has continued up to the present time. More than seventy persons indulge the hope that they have passed from death unto life, nearly all of whom have connected themselves with this and other churches. A widely extended and deep religious interest has pervaded the congregation. The weekly lecture and prayer meetings have been well attended, and several of our number have been engaged in Mission Sabbath Schools, Tract Distribution, &c.

A weekly meeting was early established for the promotion of social intercourse and Christian affection. Many who might not otherwise have been acquainted for years, have been brought together as Christians and friends, and the result has been the awakening of a deep interest in each other, and the promotion of the kindest feelings throughout the congregation.

In concluding, it may be truly said that this new enterprise, through the goodness of Providence, has thus far been prospered beyond the expectations of its warmest friends, and it is to be hoped that the great Head of the Church will ever preside over and make it the instrument of great good to a dying world.



## FORM OF ADMISSION to the CHURCH.

The articles of Faith, Covenant and Rules, have been recently revised by a Special Committee, and were adopted by the Church, as they now stand, on the seventeenth of April, 1848, by a unanimous vote.

You have separated yourselves from this congregation, dear friends, to perform one of the most momentous, and yet joyful, acts of your life. You will never cease to feel the effect of the dedication which you now make. Should you cling affectionately to that Redeemer whom you are now about openly to avouch, you will ever rejoice that you were brought to this hour; but if your soul shall draw back, and you shall put Christ to an open shame, this deed, and this hour, shall be everlasting witnesses against you.

You have been deeply convinced of your personal sinfulness; you have heartily repented thereof; you have believed in the forgiving love of Jesus Christ; you have dedicated your heart and life to him: that dedication you are about to renew in the presence of God and this Congregation. Yet, be not cast down.— Though we have thought it meet to admonish you, it is with a calm and cheerful hope that He, who in love has called you will never leave nor forsake you, until you shall stand in Zion and before God.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of One Everliving and True God, Sovereign and unchangeable, Infinite in Power, Wisdom, and Goodness.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be inspired of God ; to contain a revelation of his will, and to be the authoritative rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, are revealed in the Scriptures as existing, in respect to attributes, character, and office, as three Persons, equally Divine ; while in other respects they are united and are in a proper sense, One God.
4. We believe that our first parents were created upright, that they fell from their original state by disobedience, and that all their posterity are not only prone to sin, but do become sinful and guilty before God.
5. We believe that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to die for it ; that Christ appeared in the flesh ; that he set forth a perfect example of obedience ; that he purely taught the truths needful for our salvation ; that he suffered in our stead, the just for the unjust ; that he died

to atone for our sins and to purify us therefrom, and that he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, where he ever liveth to make intercession for us.

6. We believe that God offers full forgiveness and everlasting life to all who will heartily repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ; while those who do not believe, but persevere in sin, shall finally perish.
7. We believe in the resurrection of all the dead; in a final and general Judgment, upon the awards of which the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life eternal.

[Thus do you believe?]

## COVENANT.

Do you now avouch the Lord Jehovah to be your God? Jesus Christ to be your Saviour? the Holy Spirit to be your Sanctifier? Renouncing the dominion of this world over you, do you consecrate your whole soul and body to the service of God? do you receive his word as the rule of your life? and by his grace assisting you, will you persevere in this consecration unto the end?

[The ordinance of Baptism, if not previously received, will here be administered.]

## COVENANT WITH THE CHURCH.

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[Here those who unite by letter will rise in their places.]

Do you solemnly covenant and agree to study the peace, purity and liberty of this church? to love and watch over its members as your brethren? to receive from them all needful care and admonition? Will you labor together with us in the maintenance of its public worship and ordinances? submit to necessary discipline, and avoid all causes of scandal and offence so long as in the Providence of God you shall continue among us?

[The members of the church will here rise.]

We, then, the members of this church, do joyfully and cordially receive you into our number. We promise to bear with you, to love, to edify, and by all means in our power to advance you in the divine life. Amen.

## ECCLESIASTICAL PRINCIPLES AND RULES.

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1. This church is an independent ecclesiastical body; and, in matters of doctrine, order and discipline, is amenable to no other organization.

2. *Connection with other Churches.*—This church will extend to other evangelical churches, and receive from them that fellowship, advice and assistance which the laws of Christ require.

3. *Admission of Members.* — Application for church membership, either by letter or profession, must be made to the examining committee ; and those approved shall be propounded to the church at least two weeks, and to the congregation one week, before the communion. They shall become members by vote of the church and giving a public assent to the Articles of Faith and Covenant.

4. *Dismission of Members.*—It is expected that members on removing will ask for letters of dismission and recommendation. Requests for such letters may be announced at the weekly prayer-meeting or lecture ; and if at the end of one week no objection has been made to the clerk, he shall issue the customary certificate.

5. *Rights of Members.*—No member can be deprived of church privileges except by regular process. The presentation of complaints may be first made to the examining Committee, who shall, upon sufficient cause, prefer charges to the whole church ; or the complainant may present his complaint in person to the church. When a member is accused, he shall be seasonably furnished with a copy of the complaint and shall have a full hearing.

6. *Censures*.—The censures inflicted on offenders are, private reproof, public admonition, suspension or excommunication, according to the aggravation of the offence ; and in case of excommunication, notice thereof shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath.

7. *Officers*.—The stated officers of the church shall be the Pastor or Pastors, Deacons, Examining Committee, Clerk and Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Deacons to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper, to distribute the charities of the church, and in the absence, or at the request of the pastor, to provide a supply for the pulpit.

In 1848 two Deacons shall be chosen for three years, two for two years, and two for one year, and at each subsequent annual meeting, two shall be chosen for three years ; and at the expiration of their terms of office, they shall be ineligible for one year.

The Examining Committee shall consist of seven brethren, including the Pastor. In 1848, two members shall be chosen for three years, two for two years, and two for one year, and at each subsequent annual meeting two members shall be chosen for three years ; and at the expiration of their terms of office they shall be ineligible for one year. Members of the church are entitled to be present at, and to participate in the examination of candidates.

It shall be the duty of the stated clerk to record the doings of the church at its business meetings ; also, to keep the covenant, confession of faith, form of admission, ecclesiastical principles and rules recorded in a place by themselves ; and a chronological list of its members with the times of their admission, dismissal, or death, so far as he can ascertain the same.

Vacancies in any of the offices occurring between the annual meetings, may be filled at any regular business meeting, notice of the intention to fill such vacancies having been given from the pulpit on the previous Sabbath. All officers shall be elected by ballot, without nomination, and all elections shall be determined by the vote of a majority of the members of lawful age present and voting.

The terms of office of the Deacons, Examining Committee, Clerk and Treasurer, shall expire on the first day of May.

8. *Meetings.*—This church shall meet for prayer and conference every Friday evening ; and the brother presiding shall appoint another brother to preside the next Friday evening.

The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated on the first Sabbaths of January, March, May, July, September and November.

A Business Meeting of the church shall be held after the religious services on the Friday evening next pre-

ceding the first Sabbath in each month ; but at the meeting next before the communion, no business but the reception and dismissal of members shall be transacted, unless by general consent.

A Meeting for the choice of Officers and for other business shall be held annually on the second Thursday evening of April, at which the Examining Committee shall present a written report on the state of the church and its history during the previous year, including an account of the members received and dismissed ; and a report shall also be presented by the Treasurer, and his accounts duly audited.

The Clerk, on the written requisition of any seven male members of lawful age, shall call a Special Business Meeting, by causing a notice to be read from the pulpit.

At each business meeting a Moderator shall be chosen.

All meetings for business shall be opened with prayer.

No resolution shall be considered at the same meeting at which it is offered if any objection is made thereto, but shall be reduced to writing by the mover, and referred to the next business meeting. The objection may be overruled, however, by three-fourths of the members present.

The Confession of Faith, Covenant, Form of Admission, or Ecclesiastical Principles and Rules shall not



be altered, except by a vote of two-thirds of the male members of lawful age present and voting at an annual meeting ; nor shall such alteration be considered, unless a notice containing the substance thereof shall have been given in writing, at a previous business meeting.

### **BASIS OF UNION**

*Between the Church and the Society.*

1. The Society shall hold the property, and receive the income, and make all pecuniary engagements, appropriations and payments.

2. In calling a Pastor, the Society and Church will act as concurrent bodies—a majority of each being necessary to constitute a call ; the Church nominating, and the Society confirming or rejecting the nomination.

3. The Church will provide for the supply of the pulpit when there is no settled Pastor ; make the necessary arrangements for singing, and, in general, for the orderly celebration of religious worship : and the Society will liquidate all reasonable expenses thereby incurred.

### Meetings.

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The *annual meeting* of the Society for the election of Trustees and other business will be held on the last Thursday evening in March.

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The *annual meeting* of the Church, occurs on the second Thursday evening of April.

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A regular *business* meeting of the Church will be held at the close of the prayer meeting, in the lecture room on Friday evening, *next preceding the first Sabbath in each month.*

### Weekly Services.

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Preaching, Sabbath morning and evening.

Prayer Meeting, Sabbath afternoon in the Lecture Room.

Lecture, on Wednesday evening.

Prayer Meeting, on Friday evening.

### Inquiry Meetings.

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Meetings for religious conversation with the Pastor, (usually weekly) occur by special appointment.

### **Social Circle.**

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A social meeting will be held on Tuesday evening of each week, the special object of which is to promote acquaintance, sympathy and friendship, throughout the church and congregation.

### **Sabbath School.**

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Will meet at 9 o'clock every Sabbath morning in the room over the Lecture Room.

### **Monthly Concert.**

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The usual monthly concert of Prayer for Missions, will be held in the Lecture Room on the first Monday evening of each month.

### **Communion.**

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The celebration of the Lords Supper will occur on the first Sabbath morning in May, July, September, November, January and March.

### **Baptism.**

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Adults will be baptised when publicly received into the church. Infant Baptism will be administered at

the opening of the morning services on each communion Sabbath.

### **Application for Church Membership.**

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Those wishing to join the church, either by letter or on profession of their faith, are invited to meet the examining committee in person, at their appointed sessions, notice of which will be publicly given.

### **Prayer Meetings.**

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The Sabbath afternoon and Friday evening prayer meetings are conducted by the brethren of the church, one of whom will preside, whose duty it shall be to appoint another brother to preside at the next meeting. At these meetings the members of the church are invited to take a part, to express their feelings in regard to their own experience, to provoke each other to more faithfulness in the cause of Christ, and to influence the Church, as a body, to a higher standard of piety and benevolence.

## OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

1848.

### DEACONS.

HENRY C. BOWEN,	113 Hicks street,	}	Elected for three years.
CHARLES ROWLAND,	159 Washington st.		
SHERMAN DAY,	6 Tompkins place.	}	Elected for two years.
DANIEL BURGESS,	91 Columbia st.		
LUTHER EAMES,	88 Hicks street,	}	Elected for one year.
AURELIUS B. HULL,	46 Willow street,		

### EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

1848.

HENRY WARD BEECHER, Pastor, (ex-officio) 18 Willow.			
JOHN T. HOWARD,	150 Hicks street,	}	Elected for three years
JIRA PAYNE,	100 Columbia st.		
WM. H. BIGELOW,	5 Clinton street,	}	Elected for two years.
CHARLES ROWLAND,	159 Washington st.		
DANIEL BURGESS,	91 Columbia street,	}	Elected for one year.
HENRY C. BOWEN,	113 Hicks street,		

## TRUSTEES OF THE SOCIETY.

1848.

JAS. FREELAND, President,	98 Columbia st.	} Elected for three years
HORACE B. CLAFLIN,	41 Pierrepont st.	
WILLIAM H. MOORE,	12 Willow place	
JOHN T. HOWARD, Clerk,	150 Hicks street	} Elected for two years.
J. WILSON GREENE,	59 Hicks street,	
BRADFORD KNAPP,	138 Washington	
H. C. BOWEN, Treasurer,	113 Hicks street,	} Elected for one year.
J. A. DE FOREST,	35 Cranberry st.	
BENJAMIN FLANDERS,	Court n. State st.	

## OFFICERS OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

1848.

LUTHER EAMES,	Superintendent,	88 Hicks street.
JOHN T. HOWARD,	Secretary,	150 Hicks street.
ISAAC L. CONDIT,	Librarian,	145 Adams street.

## MANUAL FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS.

WHEN the appointed time for the meeting arrives, the stated clerk will call the Church to order, and a moderator being nominated, will put the question upon the choice. If the stated clerk should not be present, any member may rise in his place, nominate a moderator, and put the question; and a clerk *pro tem.* should then be chosen. If the meeting be adjourned to another day, the same officers preside again, for an adjournment is but a continuance of the *same meeting*.

All the decisions of the presiding officer are subject to revision by the Church.

Every motion must be made in writing, *if required* by any member; and, when seconded, must be read by the moderator and submitted to the consideration of the Church. Until this motion is disposed of, all subsequent propositions must be made by way of amendment to it. An amendment may go to the exclusion, addition, or substitution of words or sentences; indeed, a motion to amend by striking out all the words after the word *resolved*, and substituting an entirely new proposition upon the same subject, is in order. Until some vote has been taken on a resolution or an amendment to it, it may be withdrawn by the mover. There are certain

motions which are termed "*privileged*," which may be made at *any time* : such are the motions to postpone indefinitely, to refer to a committee, to lay on the table (which means to lay aside for the present), to postpone to a future time fixed, and to adjourn. All these motions may be debated except the last. When a member is speaking, no motion can be made but with his consent.

When any motion is before the Church every member has a right to express his views concerning it ; and while doing so, the moderator is bound to confine him in his remarks to the point under consideration, and also to protect him against all interruption, except to call him to order if he violate the rules of courtesy, or of debate : but after the matter of order is adjusted, he has a right to go on to the end of his remarks.

The proposition *last made* is always the proposition under consideration, and the first to be voted on ; so that when several amendments or propositions are before the meeting, the order in which they are to be voted upon is usually the *reverse* of the order in which they were made. If several *sums* are proposed, the *largest* is to be first put to vote : if several *times*, the *longest* ; and as to the numbers generally, the *largest*.

When a motion is put to vote, it should be first clearly stated from the chair, so that there may be no possible



misunderstanding about it. Then the moderator says : As many as are in favor of this resolution, will please to say aye, *or*—lift up their hands, *or*—rise, as the custom of the Church may be ; then, As many as are against this resolution, *or*—as are of a different opinion, will please to say no, *or*—lift up their hands, *or*—rise. Then the moderator declares the result by saying—It is a vote, *or*—it is *not* a vote. If any member thinks the moderator in error, or that an accurate count would change the result, he has a right to demand it immediately : in which case the question must be put again, and the vote carefully counted. After the question is put to vote, there can be no debate, and no new proposition made, until the voting is finished. After the vote is taken, any member who voted in the *majority*, may, during the *same* meeting, move a reconsideration ; which motion opens the subject again for debate : and if the vote to reconsider is adopted, the whole matter stands just as it did before the reconsidered vote was taken

Questions of *order* are to be decided by the moderator : but if any member thinks the decision incorrect, he can appeal to the meeting ; and the decision on that appeal will be final.

When the report of a committee is presented, it will of course be put on file. A vote to accept, and adopt,

is an expression of concurrence with the views of the committee.

When a member has a motion to make, or wishes to speak on a pending motion, he must rise and address himself respectfully to the moderator.

A member who has a motion to make, may preface it with such remarks as explain his design; but with this exception, speaking is out of order, unless some definite proposition has been submitted and is under consideration.

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### **TRUSTEES OF THE SOCIETY.**

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It is provided by the statute, that the trustees of any religious society, or a majority of them, shall, at least one month before the expiration of office of any of the trustees, notify the same in writing to the minister (or in case of his death or absence, to the deacons), specifying the names of the trustees whose terms will expire; and the minister (or the deacons) shall publicly notify the members of the society of such vacancies, and appoint the time and place for the election of new trustees to fill up the same. This notification is to be given at least

fifteen days before the election, and for two successive Sabbaths or days on which the society shall stately meet for public worship. The election is to be held at least six days before the vacancies shall occur. Two deacons (or if there be none present, then two members of the society), to be nominated by a majority of the members present, must preside at the election.

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### **Qualification of Voters.**

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The law also provides that no member of the society shall be allowed to vote at these elections for trustees, until he shall have been a stated attendant on divine worship in the society, at least one year *before* the election, and shall have contributed to the support of the society according to the usages and customs thereof. And the clerk to the trustees is required to keep a register of the names of all who desire to become stated hearers in the society, and note therein the time when such request was made; and to attend all elections, with such register, in order to test the qualifications of electors, in case the same should be questioned.


## RENTING OF PEWS.

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The Pews in the church will be rented annually in the month of May. Such as are not then taken, may be had at any time subsequent, on application to either of the Trustees or the Sexton. Payment will be expected *semi-annually*, in *advance*.

Those unable to rent pews will be provided with seats, free.



 *The following is a list of the Members of the Church.*

## ORGANIZATION.

### June 12th, 1847.

BOWEN, HENRY C.  
BOWEN, LUCY MARIA  
BLAKE, ELI C.  
BURGESS, BENJAMIN  
BURGESS, MARY

CANNON, MARY

GRIFFIN, DAVID

HALE, RICHARD

HALE, JULIA

HOWARD, JOHN T.

KNIGHT, RACHAEL

MORSE, JOHN F.  
MORSE, REBECCA

PAYNE, JIRA  
PAYNE, ELIZA

ROWLAND, CHARLES  
ROWLAND, MARIA

TURNER, ALPHEUS R.  
TURNER, LOUISA

WEBB, JOHN  
WEBB, MARTHA

### November, 1847.

ABBY, HORATIO G.

BATCHELDER, FRANCIS E. M.

BELL, GEORGE

BURBANK, GARDNER \*

BURBANK, SUSAN

BURGESS, DANIEL

CHILD, PENELOPE

CHILD, CHARLOTTE

CHILD, SUSAN

CHILD, ELLENOR

DAY, SHERMAN  
DAY, ELIZABETH ANN

EAMES, LUTHER  
EAMES, MEDITABLE  
EAMES, ELLEN DOUGLASS  
EDWARDS, WILLIAM  
EDWARDS, REBECCA  
ELY, H. GILBERT

HARRISON, EDWARD \*  
HORSEY, SOPHIA

HULL, AURELIUS B.  
HULL, SARAH S.

KING, ANN  
KING, JANE

NEWLIN, MARIA LOUISA

PHILLIPS, PIERCE C.

ROWLAND, HENRY  
ROWLAND ELIZABETH  
RORKE, CHARLOTTE A.

SMITH, CORNELIUS  
SMITH, EMELINE  
STORY, ADELIA ANN

TAYLOR, ELIZABETH  
TAYLOR, AMELIA  
TURNER, SAMUEL H.

### January, 1848.

BIGELOW, WILLIAM H.  
BIGELOW, LOUISA B.

CAMP, SAMUEL K.  
CAMP, MARY K.  
CHURCHILL FRANCIS C.

DILLINGHAM, WILLIAM S.  
DILLINGHAM, JULIA

GRASSIE, WILLIAM C.

HARRISON, JOSEPH  
HOLBROOK, EMELINE  
HORSEY, JOSEPH

MARCH, CATHARINE O.

TAYLOR, EMMA

### March, 1848.

BEECHER, HENRY WARD  
BEECHER, EUNICE W.  
BEECHER, WILLIAM A.  
BEECHER, MARIA P.  
BALDWIN, MARTHA BURTIS  
BERGEN, SUSAN  
BLAKE, MARY E.  
BROWN, HELEN E.  
BROWN, ELLEN S.  
BULLARD, JESSE

BURTISS, SAMUEL W.  
BURTISS, PRISCILLA A.

CAIN, ELSA MARIA  
COLLIGAN, WILLIAM  
COLLIGAN, IVY  
CONKLIN, J. T.

DAVIS, JOHN D.  
DAVIS, ESTHER

DE MOTT, CATHERINE  
DOWNING, MARIA

EAMES, EDWARD A.  
EDICK, EMILY R.

FAIRCHILD, FANNY

GREENE, J. WILSON  
GREENE, CATHERINE A.  
GRIFFIN, SARAH

KING, HESDEN  
KING, MINERVA R.  
KING, ELIZABETH

LYNDE, MARTIUS T.  
LYNDE, ELIZA W.

MOORE, WILLIAM H.  
MOORE, JANE A.  
MELVIN, AUSTIN  
MELVIN, MARTHA  
MOERS, REBECCA  
Mc ELWA, ANN

OTIS, WILLIAM H.  
OTIS, ELIZABETH A.  
OLD, CHARLES

PAYNE, MARY AUGUSTA  
PEASE, CATHERINE E.  
PHELPS, HENRY B.  
PHELPS, LUCETTA B.  
PLANT, EDWARD  
PLANT, HARRIET JEANETTE  
POST, GEORGE W.  
POST, CORNELIA E.

RAYMOND, JOHN  
RAYMOND, JEANETTE

SEDGEWICK, CHEDALE  
SEYMOUR, JAMES  
SILVER, JAMES MADISON,  
SIMONS, LYDIA ANN  
STOCKTON, MARY

TAYLOR, HENRIETTA  
TURNER, JOANNA A.

WALKER, PHINEAS  
WHITTEMORE, MARY ELLEN  
WILSON, HELEN  
WILKES, HELEN

### May, 1848.

ATWATER, MARIA B.  
AVERY, CHARLES A.

BALL, JOHN  
BENNETT, CHARITY  
BLAKE, ANGENETTE  
BURTON LOUISA

BROOKS, ESTHER  
BROWN, MARIA

CAMPBELL, ARCHIBALD  
CONDIT, ISAAC L.  
CUMMINGS, WILLIAM R.

DAVIS, ISAAC F.  
 DE MOTT, RICHARD C.  
 DOTY, SAMUEL C.  
 DOTY, ABBY ANN  
  
 ELY, CAROLINE B  
  
 GREENE, WARREN  
 GREENE, LYDIA ANN  
  
 HORSEY, SOPHIA  
  
 KNAPP, BRADFORD  
 KNAPP, SUSAN

LADD, MARY ELLEN  
 LADD, MARY  
  
 PETTIT, GERTRUDE  
 POWERS, CHARLES  
 POWERS, MARY ISABELLA  
 PRICHARD, WILLIAM H.  
 PRICHARD, MARY E.  
  
 RATHBONE, MARIA  
  
 SCOFFIELD, MARY  
 STOUT, ABIGAIL J.  
  
 WILSON, ELIZABETH

July, 1848.

ABER, SMITH M.  
 ABER, HANNAH M.  
  
 BARKER, ELIZABETH  
 BENNET, CAROLINE P.  
  
 CHILD, JOSEPH  
 CHILD, FIDELIA  
 CLEMENT, MARY E.  
  
 GLOVER, MARIA JANE  
 GUTHRIE, COLUMBUS B.  
 GUTHRIE, JANE MARIA  
  
 LATIMER, SARAH

OTIS, AGNES  
 OTIS, MARIA D.  
  
 SANDFORD, THOMAS H.  
 SANDFORD, CAROLINE M. B.  
 SPENCER, WILLIAM JR.  
  
 TASSIE, MAGDALINE  
 THALHEIMER, MARIA L.  
 THALHEIMER, MARY E.  
  
 WILBER, CHARLES  
 WILBER, MARY  
 WATERBURY, WARREN

Male Members.....	74
Female Members.....	110
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Whole Number,.....	184
Whole Number received by Letter.....	126
Whole Number received on profession of their faith,.....	58

\* Deceased.









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